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For: MESSAGING SYSTEM CONFIGURED FOR SELECTIVELY ACCESSING

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DETERMINED UNAVAILABILITY OF MESSAGING SERVER

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

MAILSTOP: AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action mailed July 18, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed September 28, 2006, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-21, 23-31, and 34-43 are unchanged and remain pending in the application.

The rejection of claims 1, 11, 12, 18, 19, 29, 30, and 40 under 35 USC §103 in view of US Patent No. 6,631,181 to Bates et al., US Patent No. 6,545, 589 to Fuller and US Patent No. 6,504,915 to Kruesi et al. is respectfully traversed.

The Advisory Action fails to address Applicant's arguments regarding Kruesi et al. (presented on pages 9-11 of the Response After Final filed September 18, 2006), and especially Applicant's arguments regarding the hypothetical combination of Bates, Fuller, and Kruesi.

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